

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

WATANABE et al.

Art Unit: 1651

Application No.: (not yet assigned)  
[Parent appln. No. 09/252,240]

Examiner: H. Lilling

Divisional Filed: September 28, 2001

For: FABRIC PROTECTANT AGAINST  
PESTS

September 28, 2001

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment and the concurrently filed Power of Attorney From Assignee and revocation of Prior Powers.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, after the title, insert the following new paragraph:

This is a divisional application of co-pending U.S. Application 09/252,240, filed on February 18, 1999.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claim 18 and add new claim 20:

20. (New) A fabric protectant according to claim 1, wherein the plant oil is at least one member selected from the group consisting of horseradish oil, calamus oil, perilla oil, valerian oil, star anise oil, milfoil oil, oregano oil and angelica oil.

21 (New) A method of protecting fabric which comprises dispersing, spraying, spreading or setting an effective amount of a plant oil which includes at least one member selected from the group consisting of bay oil, basil oil and parmerosa oil to places where pests invade.

Please seen Appendix for amendments.

**REMARKS**


Applicants respectfully suggest that new claim 20 finds support in the application as filed.

New claim 21 present species of oil non-elected in response to the August 14, 2001 restriction requirement in parent application 09/252,240.

If the Examiner has any other questions, please have no hesitation in contacting the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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**APPENDIX**

**SPECIFICATION**

Page 1, after the title, a new paragraph was added:

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**CLAIM AS AMENDED**

Claim 18 canceled without prejudice.

New claims 20 and 21 added.